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SUBJECT: FRENCH RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM AND OTHER REFUGEE
MATTERS

REF: PARIS 08658 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FOR YOUR MEETING WITH CHAYET:
U.S. PAROLE PROGRAMS, WHICH ADMITTED OVER 13,000 REFUGEES
FROM THAILAND IN 1976, ARE NOW COMPLETED. TOTAL INDOCHINESE
REFUGEES IN U.S. 145,000 (129,000 VIETNAMESE; 6,000 CAMBODIAN;
10,000 LAO/HMUNG). ONLY ONGOING PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINESE
IS CONDITIONAL ENTRY (P-7) PROGRAM INITIATED THIS MONTH
FOR BOAT CASES, WHICH WILL TAKE 100 PRINCIPAL APPLICANTS
AND PERHAPS 200-250 DEPENDENTS ON NON PREFERENCE VISAS AS
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AVAILABLE, EACH MONTH. PROGRAM OPERATES THROUGHOUT SEA.

2. REGARDING AMERICAN DEPENDENTS IN VIETNAM, YOU SHOULD
INFORM CHAYET OF THE LIST OF APPROXIMATELY 200 CHILDREN,
WIVES, AND FIANCES IN VIETNAM OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, WHICH
WAS COMPILED BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AND TRANSMITTED TO
THE VIETNAMESE RED CROSS THROUGH YOUR CHANNEL IN DECEMBER.

COPIES OF THIS LIST HAVE ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO THE ICRC AND TO THE UNHCR (IN THE LATTER CASE TO THEIR REP IN HANOI), SO THAT THEY ALSO COULD ASSIST IN ARRANGING THE DEPARTMENT OF THESE DEPENDENTS OF AMCITS.

3. YOU MAY ALSO TELL CHAYET THAT IN DISCUSSION WITH WOODCOCK COMMISSION IN HANOI, VICE MINISTER PHAN HIEN SAID THE SRV WOULD BE "GENEROUS" WITH REGARD TO THEIR CITIZENS WISHING TO JOIN RELATIVES IN THE U.S. AND TO THOSE WANTING TO RETURN TO VIETNAM FROM ABROAD, PROVIDING THEY FOLLOW "PROPER PROCEDURES." AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY FROM VIENTIANE (EXDIS) UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN HANOI CASELLA IS HOPEFUL THAT VIETNAMESE WILL AGREE SOON TO THE DEPARTURE OF THOSE ON THE RED CROSS LIST.

4. WHEN AND IF THIS HAPPENS WE WILL OF COURSE APPRECIATE ANY HELP FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES IN VIETNAM CAN PROVIDE IN WAY OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE ENCOURAGED UNHCR AND ICRC TO KEEP OUR EMBASSY IN BANGKOK INFORMED ON THIS SUBJECT AND SUGGEST CONTINUED LIAISON THERE ALSO WITH GOF, AS WELL AS THROUGH YOU IN PARIS.

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